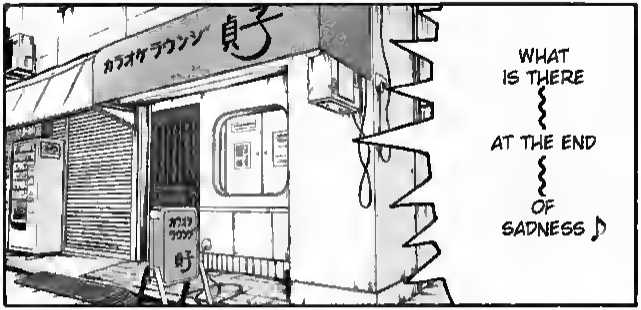
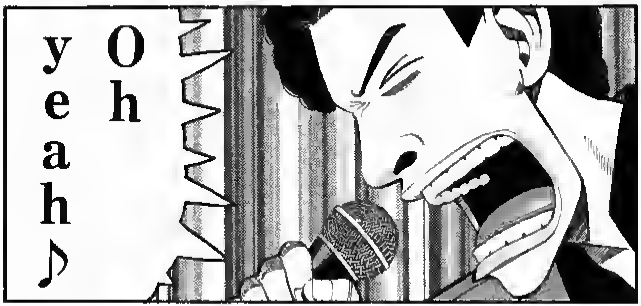
Beck

HAROLD SAKUISHI


カラオケラウンジ 貞子
WHAT IS THERE
AT THE END
OF SADNESS ♪

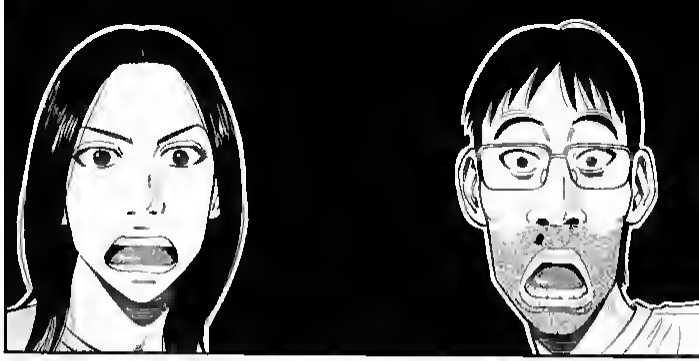

Oh yeah ♪

THERE IS A—— WONDERFUL DAY TO—— ♪
AT THE END OF SADNESS ...!

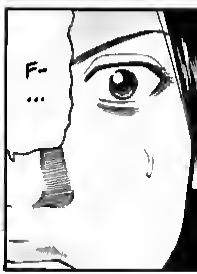
Barf
GO AFTER FOR
Oh yeah♪
B-BECAUSE IT WAS ALL SO SUDDEN.
HUH? YOU STILL HAVEN'T SPOKEN ABOUT THE FEES?
B-BUT I COULDN'T GET THE TIMING RIGHT TO TALK ABOUT IT...
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A HOLLY-WOOD FILM DIRECTOR HERE!
DO YOU REALLY THINK WITH THAT JAPANESE, UH UM, MENTALITY, YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT?

Already?
If we don't make the next flight, I'll definitely be fired.
Walsh-san. We should go soon...
Oh. I'll take him back to the hotel with our van, since I promised.
We have a car arranged for you.
IT'LL BE FINE THIS TIME. DON'T WORRY.
It sometimes breaks down though
Smile
HE REALLY MUST CHECK OUT OF THE HOTEL BY 9:30 OR ELSE IT'LL BE BAD.

Come here for a second.
HEY, RYUU-SUKE.
ABOUT THE FEES.
YOU SHOULD ASK HIM ABOUT IT.
Whisper
Whisper
Whisper
IT SEEMS A BIT HARD TO ASK HIM NOW THOUGH...
EXCUSE ME FOR INTERRUPTING... WALSH-SAN WAS ASKED BY A FAMOUS JAPANESE MUSIC PRODUCER AND HE TOLD HIM THIS...
HAVE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS PREPARED ...



Five hundred and twenty million yen
IT'S FIVE HUNDRED MILLION YEN!
FIFTY TRILLION YEN...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THIS IS BAD
...

Beep
Beep
AM 8:41
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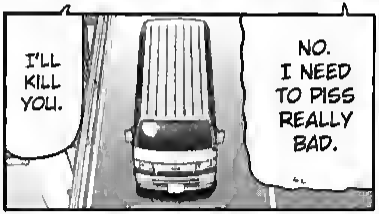
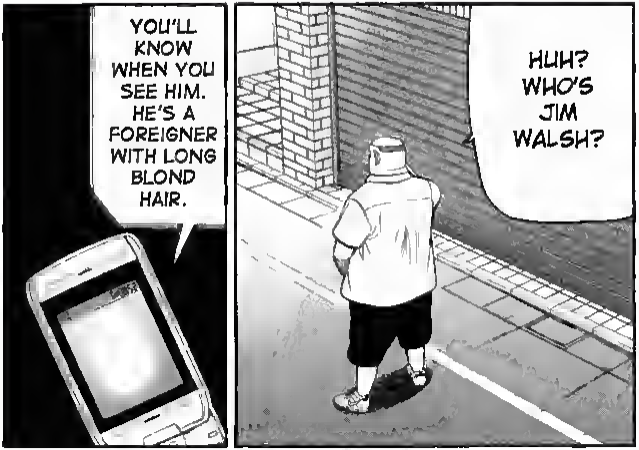
Japanese morning traffic is amazing...
WILL WE MAKE IT TO THE HOTEL IN TIME?

THE FILM COMPANY PERSON SAID THAT OVER AND OVER.
WE'D BE IN TROUBLE IF HE DOESN'T CHECK OUT BY 9:30.

OH. YOU KNOW A SHORT CUT?

RYUU-SUKE. TURN LEFT HERE.


I'LL KILL YOU.
NO. I NEED TO PISS REALLY BAD.


YOU'LL KNOW WHEN YOU SEE HIM. HE'S A FOREIGNER WITH LONG BLOND HAIR.
HUH? WHO'S JIM WALSH?

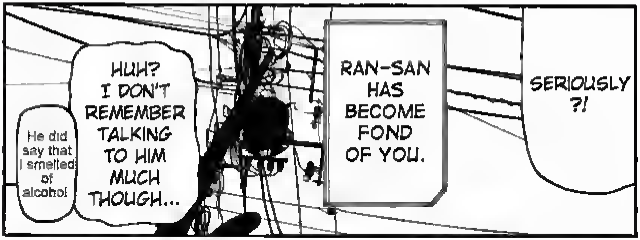
WATCH OUT FOR HIM AT THE HOTEL LOBBY. YOU'RE JUST A FATASS, SO YOU'RE BORED RIGHT?

ALL I WANT YOU TO DO IS FIND OUT WHAT HE DID LAST NIGHT. HE SHOULD BE WITH HIS INTERPRETER.
SO, WHEN HE APPEARS, SHOULD I JUST LET YOU KNOW?

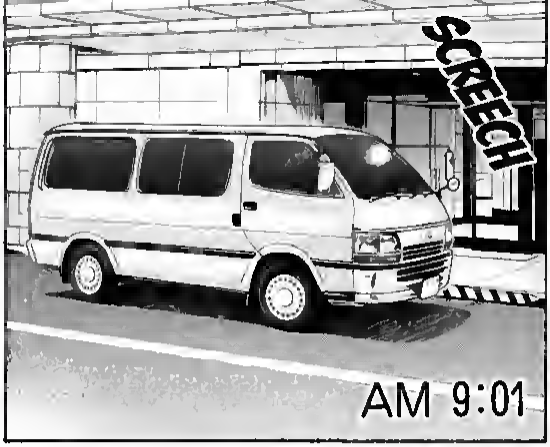
AT THIS RATE, MY HONOR WILL BE RATTLED.
RAN-SAN WENT HOME WITH HIS HEAD FULL OF ANGER.
THAT REALLY PISSES ME OFF.
HE DISGRACED RAN-SAN, WHOM I ADMIRE.
CIRCUS
THAT'S ANNOY-ING.
HUH ?

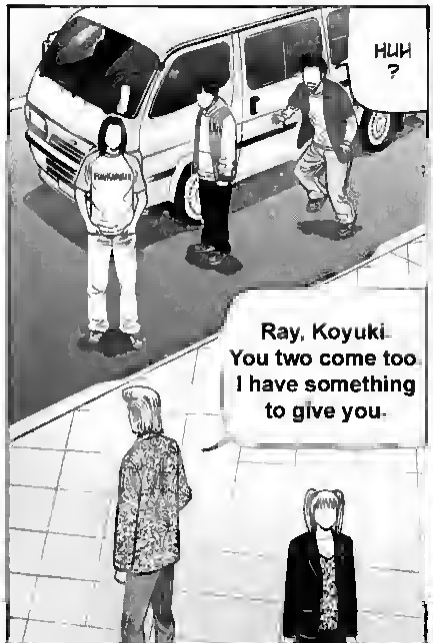
Note: This phrase means that if something were to happen, nobody is there to save him

YOU MAY STILL GET A CHANCE TO DEBUT.
YOU WERE FIRED FROM GRANPRE RODY FOR GETTING INTO A DRUNKEN FRENZY AND BEING LATE.


He did say that I smelled of alcohol
HUH? I DON'T REMEMBER TALKING TO HIM MUCH THOUGH...
RAN-SAN HAS BECOME FOND OF YOU.
SERIOUSLY ?!

ALRIGHT

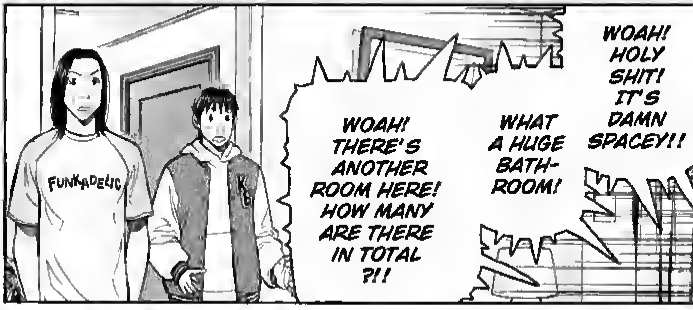

SCREECH!
AM 9:01


HUH ?
Ray, Koyuki. You two come too. I have something to give you.

GOTTA PEE. GOTTA PEE.

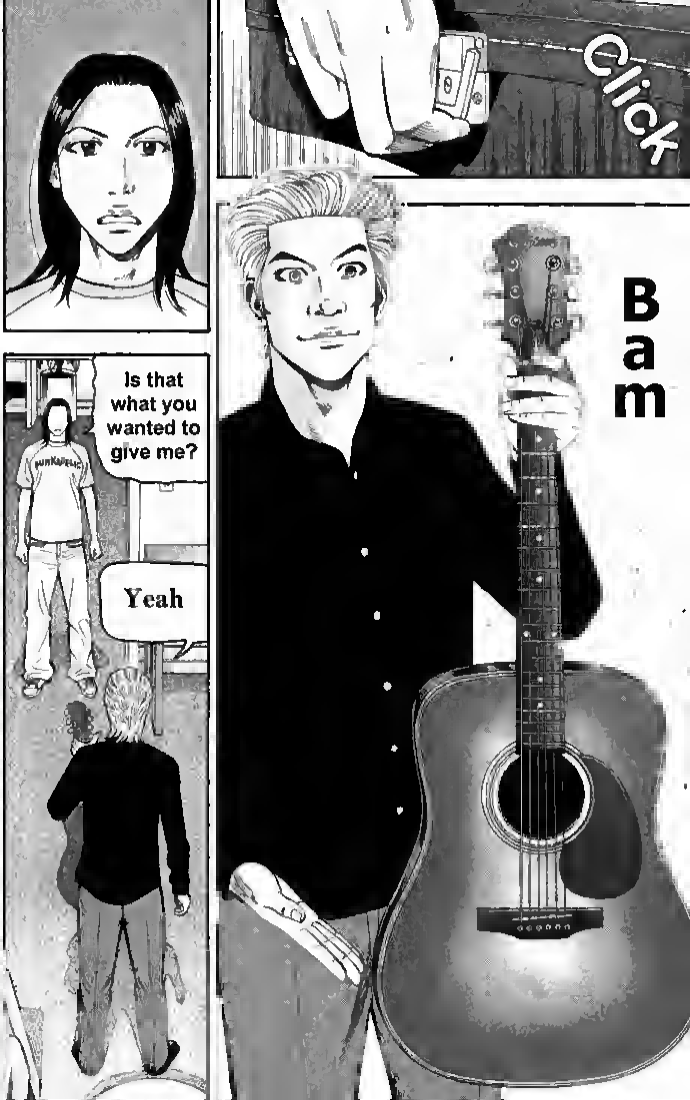
Use the toilet in my room. It's a suite.

WELL, WE HAVE TIME. EVEN THOUGH BARELY.
WILL IT BE OKAY ?
30 ↑
Ding
WOOOOAH...


FUNKADELIC
WOAH! THERE'S ANOTHER ROOM HERE! HOW MANY ARE THERE IN TOTAL ?!!
WHAT A HUGE BATH-ROOM!
WOAH! HOLY SHIT! IT'S DAMN SPACEY!!

HUH ?
KOYUKI. COME HERE!! COME HERE!!
JIM MIGHT GET MAD.
HE'S QUITE DRUNK.
FUNKADELIC

WOW. IT'S HUGE.
Right?
HOW RELAXED. HOW RELAXED.
Come on, Ray!
Emerald Flowsion!!
Yeah, I'm coming!


Click
Bam
Is that what you wanted to give me?
Yeah

It looks like an old cheap acoustic guitar, doesn't it?
No No.... I'm really happy.
So I just had to take his request.
He isn't the type of guy who would make requests.
I was asked by a close friend of mine.
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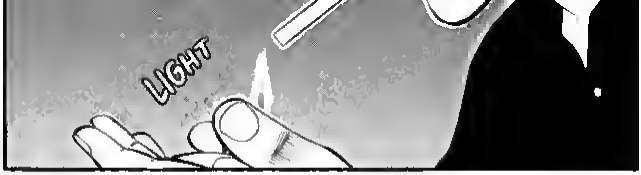
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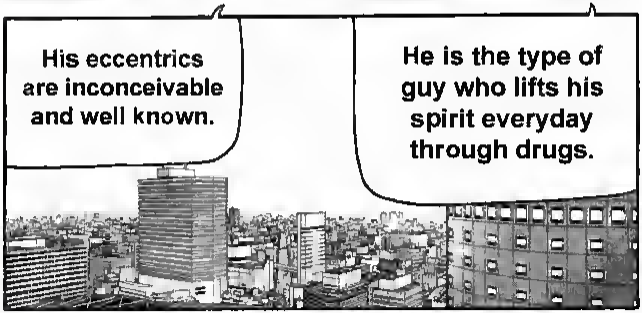
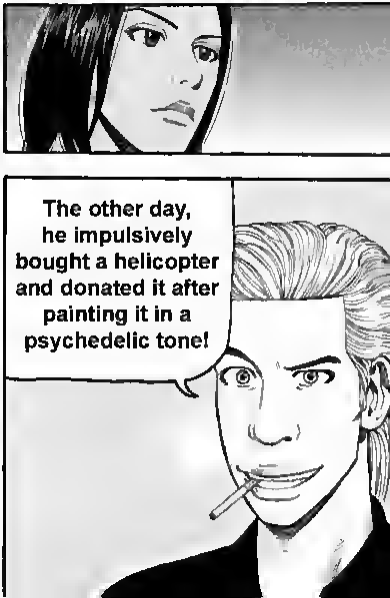
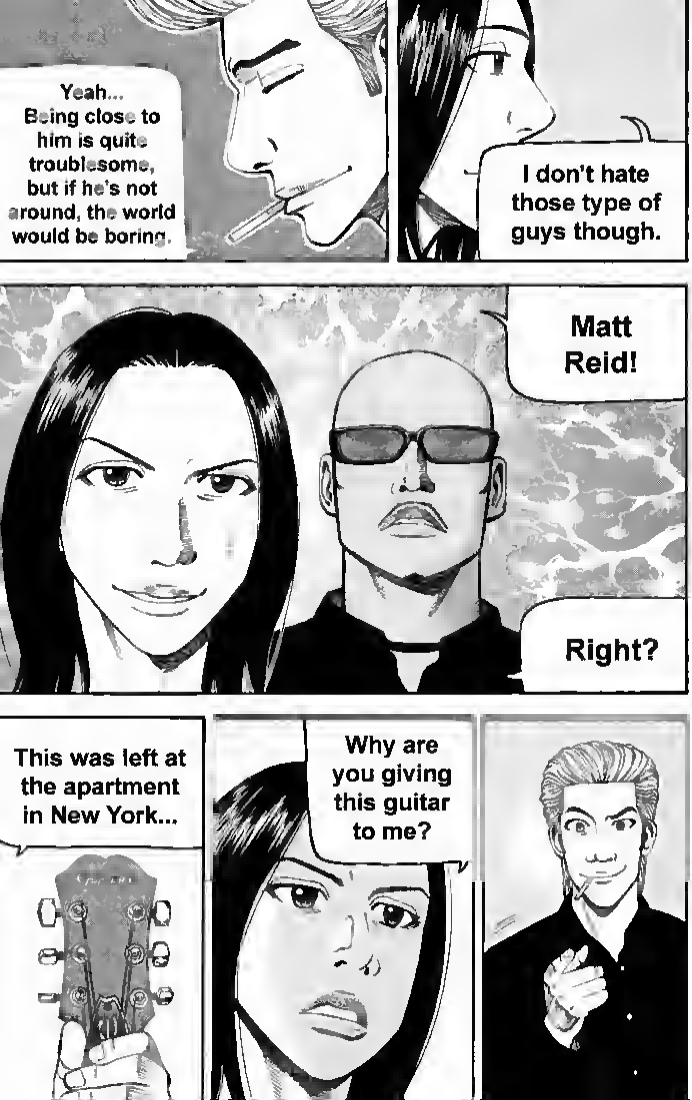
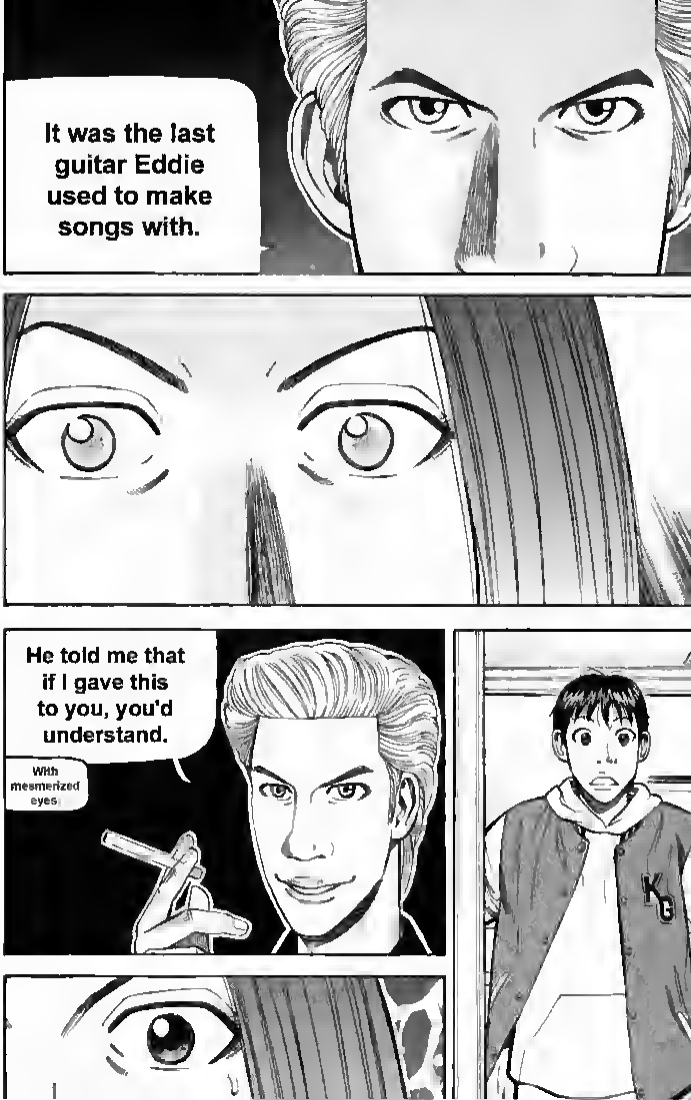

His eccentrics are inconceivable and well known.
He is the type of guy who lifts his spirit everyday through drugs.

FUNK
A lot of those kinds of stories are in the gossip columns.


The other day, he impulsively bought a helicopter and donated it after painting it in a psychedelic tone!


Yeah... Being close to him is quite troublesome, but if he's not around, the world would be boring.
I don't hate those type of guys though.
Matt Reid!
Right?
This was left at the apartment in New York...
Why are you giving this guitar to me?


It was the last guitar Eddie used to make songs with.
He told me that if I gave this to you, you'd understand.
With mesmerized eyes

?
Does Matt know...
Last time Eddie was around, with the new song he was making,
He sang it over the phone with the song still incomplete...
So in your head is Eddie's incomplete song!?

No...
That's where
Matt was wrong.
It's Koyuki!
FUNKADELIC

GULP
HUH ?
I took this out of the fridge
Whisper
Whisper
WHAT IS HE SAYING ?

The person who listened to the song was Koyuki
At that time, I was at the convenience store.

HUH ?

Hey Koyuki!
Slide

KG

IT'S THE GUITAR EDDIE LAST USED AND STRUMMED OVER THE PHONE.
HE'S GIVING IT TO YOU.

I-IT'S THAT GUITAR...
!!
I don't expect it to have any monetary value since it's a worn out guitar.
IS THAT KOYUKI?
HAHAHA, THANKS FOR TALKING TO ME.
TELL YOU WHAT,
I'LL PLAY YOU A BIT OF A SONG I JUST CAME UP WITH. NOBODY ELSE HAS HEARD IT YET!

Note: This panel's translations were taken from MangaScreener for consistancy sake

MAYBE THEY'RE DRINKING AGAIN ?
THEY'RE LATE.

!

9:36... WE'RE REALLY RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
Sheesh

I've already arranged for the check out! We'll carry the luggage, so please hurry to the car!!
Let's meet again!
Koyuki!
That cheek hair on her is crazy
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A HOLLYWOOD STAR.
I'M NOT JEALOUS AT ALL.

I know····
RYUUSUKE. TALK TO HIM ABOUT IT.
About the fees.
Well····
Jim.
Come to thing of it, we haven't discussed that important matter.

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, RYUU-SUKE.
Thump
Cough
Is it true that you demanded 5 million dollars from a famous Japanese music producer?
Stomp
Yeah····
That's right!

Stomp
Stomp
CIRCUS
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU !!
Stomp
Stomp
HEY !!
HEY! ARE YOU WALSH ?!
!
Stomp
Stomp
W-WHAT THE...?

WOBBLE
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
THIS IS BAD! PROTECT JIM!!
This is bad!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING !!?
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
MOVE IT
DRUNK !!
I'M DEALING
WITH THAT FOREIGNER THERE!!

STEP
WATCH OUT!
SNA
CK

J-JUMPING KNEE ATTACK.
ゴロン
BEING CHASED BY SOME WEIRDO,
FLEX
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FLEX
A WORLD-CLASS FILM DIRECTOR HAS HIS OWN PROBLEMS.
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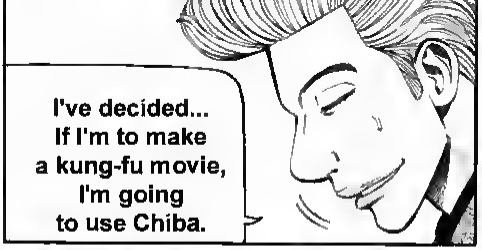
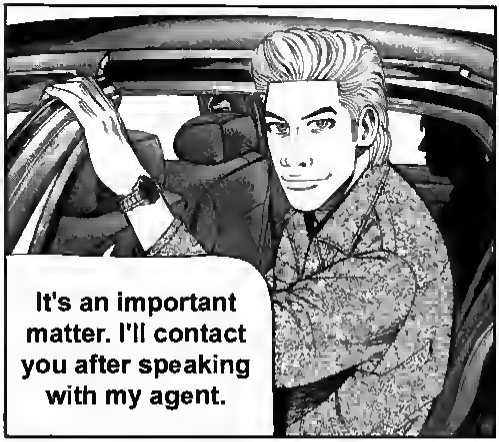
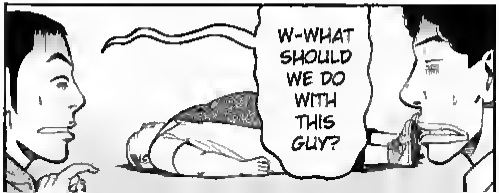

I've decided... If I'm to make a kung-fu movie, I'm going to use Chiba.

COOL····

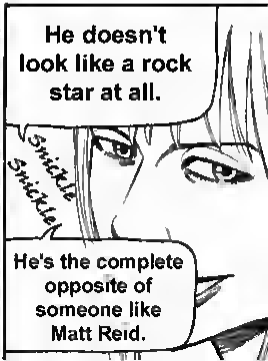
FLEX
Huh ?


It's an important matter. I'll contact you after speaking with my agent.

Jim, we haven't finished talking about the fees...
TAP
TAP


W-WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THIS GUY?

VROO
-M
WHAT?! HE WANTS ME IN A KUNG-FU MOVIE ?!
HE'S JUST GIVING YOU LIP SERVICE.
B O O O
MMM... AS I THOUGHT. THERE IS NO OTHER CHIBA SHIN'ICHI THAT CAN REPLACE ME.
Maybe I can do that and also the band
I didn't think all this would happen.
I didn't imagine anything like this after arriving in Japan.
Look behind.


He doesn't look like a rock star at all.
Snicker Snicker
He's the complete opposite of someone like Matt Reid.

But he's amazing.
DECO
DECO
SAKUMA

Dozing

Dozing

VROOM

HA
RED !! RED !!

!!

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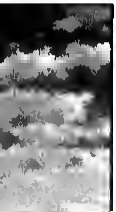
FOR THE ENTIRE DAY, WE WERE ABLE TO HOLD IN THIS WEIRD HIGH TENSION, BUT WE WERE REACHING OUR LIMITS.

MY BAD ...



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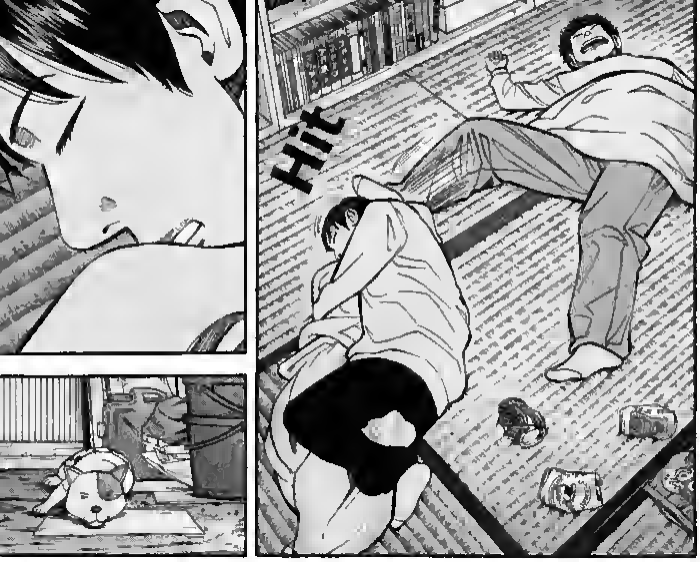
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I'M SURPRISED MATT KNEW ABOUT IT

OPEN

HE KNEW ABOUT THE INCOMPLETE SONG THAT WAS SUNG OVER THE PHONE... BUT HE MISTOOK KOYUKI FOR ME, AS THE ONE WHO HEARD IT.
Sit
...BUT IT'S WEIRD.

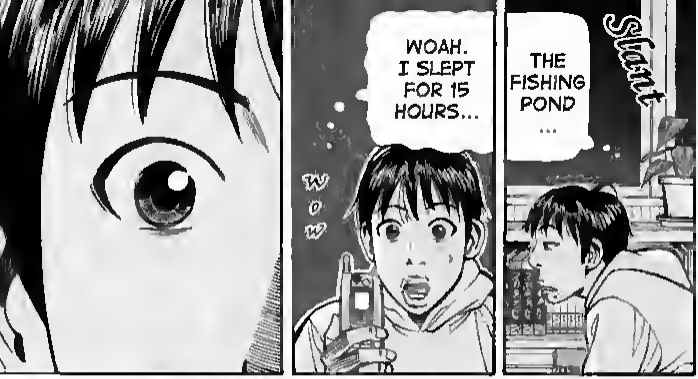
HEARD IT FROM SOMEONE ?
MAYBE MATT...

SOMEONE WHO KNEW EDDIE AND MATT.

HE COULD HAVE HEARD ABOUT THAT FROM SOMEONE ...
"BEFORE EDDIE DIED, HE SANG AN INCOMPLETE SONG OVER THE PHONE TO A FRIEND IN JAPAN" ...

THIS IS SOMEONE WHO HAS VERY STRONG TIES WITH EDDIE.
SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THE EXISTENCE OF 「DEVIL'S WAY」 ...
RIGHT ?
IN OTHER WORDS,

I HOPE WE DON'T GET INVOLVED IN ANYTHING TROUBLE-SOME.
.....
...HE'S STILL A KID.
HUH? WHERE AM I?

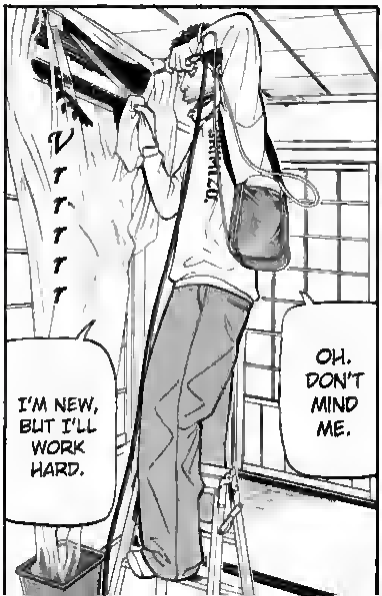


IT WAS A CRAZY DAY.

Shiratori
(No subject)

Good work yesterday! I wanted to collect more data, but what should I do? (I will try contacting Kawakubo-san too)

THAT'S RIGHT ...


VTTTTT
I'M NEW, BUT I'LL WORK HARD.
OH. DON'T MIND ME.

Cleaning
PRO
Shining
Service

GREAT WORK!

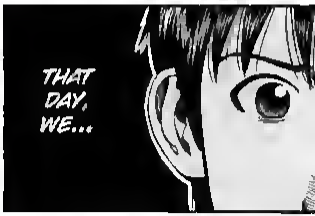
SHIT...
This blows ass.
RYUUSUKE. A CUSTOMER DROPPED HIS WALLET IN THE POND.
WHAT ?
Takayama Products
PHEW
HA HA HA.
HOW ABOUT WORKING FULL-TIME?

齋藤紙業
SAITOU PRINTING
Big Packing Products
MONDAY WILL BE A BUSY DAY.
OKAY.
TWO TONS OF PAPER ARE COMING IN.
KNOCK
OH. NO. THE THING IS...
IS IT COM-PLETED?
SO, ABOUT THAT FOREIGN FILM DIRECTOR'S VIDEO...
Ba
IT'S BEEN SEVERAL WEEKS SINCE THEN.
THAT'S STRANGE... SINCE THAT DAY YOU SLEPT DEEPLY AND CAME TO WORK LATE,
It was qute some thing

ALSO, I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE CD THAT'S BEING SOLD IN ENGLAND.
M-MAYBE SO... JUST LIKE YOU AND MOMOKO-SENSEI...
VERPOO
DON'T TELL ME YOU GUYS ARE BANKRUPT AGAIN...
IS EVERY-THING OKAY?
S-SORRY! WE DON'T KNOW YET!
Tap Tap
WE'RE NOT OVER YET!!
Twitch

EVERY LITTLE ACTIONS AND WORDS WE SAID PROBABLY HURT JIM.
DID A LOT OF RUDE THINGS TO JIM.

SAITOU-SAN IS RIGHT...
Tap
Tap


THAT DAY, WE...

EVERYDAY, WHEN I RECALL THAT TIME, I GET THE CHILLS
Sinji
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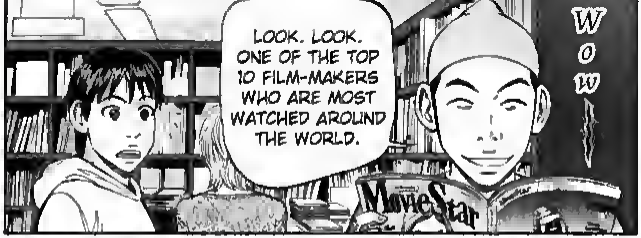
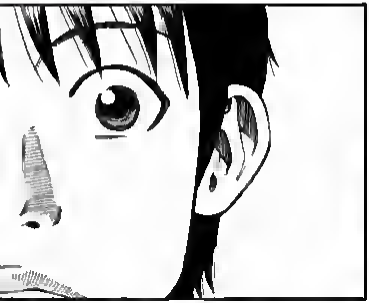
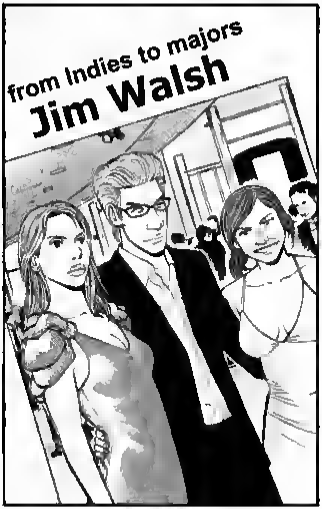
book
Gouda Book store


LOOK. LOOK. ONE OF THE TOP 10 FILM-MAKERS WHO ARE MOST WATCHED AROUND THE WORLD.
WOW
MovieStar

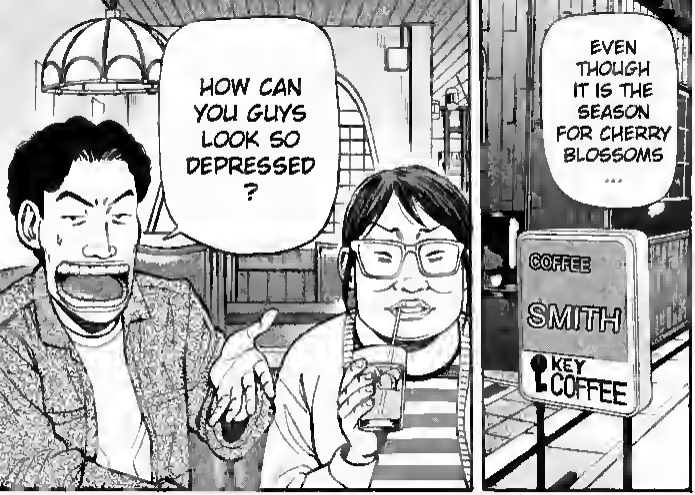


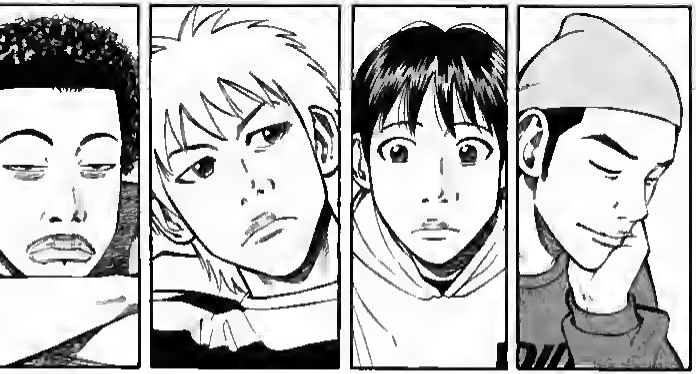

from Indies to majors
Jim Walsh

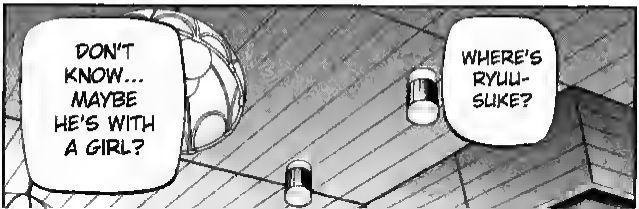
FROM COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WORLDS
WE ARE PEOPLE ...

CAW
CAW

MAYBE WE SHOULD CONTACT THEM?
NO. THAT WOULD MAKE IT LOOK LIKE WE'RE MAKING THE DEMANDS.
MAYBE HE FORGOT ABOUT... US?


HOW CAN YOU GUYS LOOK SO DEPRESSED ?
EVEN THOUGH IT IS THE SEASON FOR CHERRY BLOSSOMS ...
COFFEE
SMITH
KEY COFFEE

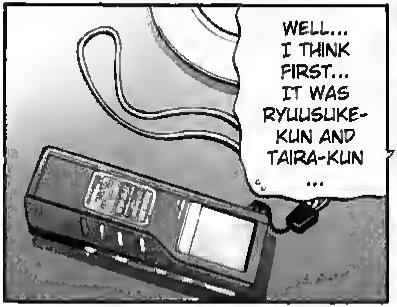



DON'T KNOW... MAYBE HE'S WITH A GIRL?
WHERE'S RYUU-SUKE?

Gulp

SIDE
OKAY. LET'S START THEN!

OKAY. KOYUKI-KUN, IF YOU COULD PLEASE.
LET'S BEGIN WITH THE FORMA-TION OF THE BAND.


WELL... I THINK FIRST... IT WAS RYUUSUKE-KUN AND TAIRA-KUN ...

UH ...

SPEAK LOUDER, AND WHEN SAYING SOMEONE'S NAME, BE MORE CLEAR!
DON'T SPEAK IN SUCH A LOW TONE!
STOP, STOP!
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SHE THINKS SHE CAN SAY WHATEVER SHE WANTS SINCE THE BAND IS NEW.
I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO PUT THIS IN THE ARTICLE, YOU KNOW.
It's quite a lot of work. Seriously.

IT'S LIKE A PROFESSIONAL ...
HAHAHA... T-THIS ISN'T LIKE A NORMAL INTERVIEW.

I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE A SAMPLE,
BUT THEY ACTUALLY SENT THE REAL THING.
CLINK
HEY. I GOT MAIL FROM LONDON.
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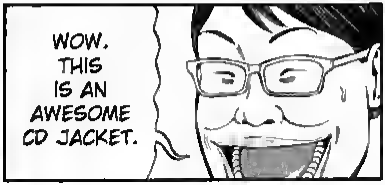
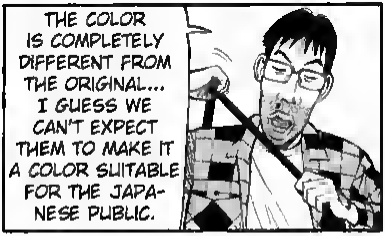
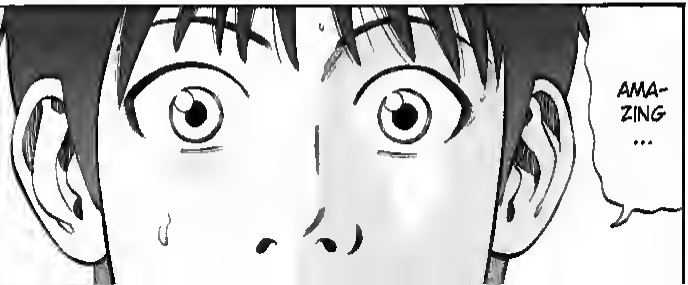

WOW. THIS IS AN AWESOME CD JACKET.


THE COLOR IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE ORIGINAL... I GUESS WE CAN'T EXPECT THEM TO MAKE IT A COLOR SUITABLE FOR THE JAPANESE PUBLIC.


AMAZING...

I DON'T HAVE THAT MANY.
The promotion for this is going to start
THEN GIVE ME 80!!
I'LL HAND THEM OUT AROUND MY HOME AND TO PEOPLE I KNOW!!
WELL, SOMEWHAT.
ARE THERE A LOT OF THESE?

THE AMOUNT OF ALBUMS WILL BE SMALL THOUGH.
GLASGOW AND BRISTOL, RIGHT?
THIS WILL BE SOLD IN PLACES LIKE LIVERPOOL, MANCHESTER,

WELL, I'M SURE THEY'LL GET THEM TOO.
ORANGE COUNTY AND SOUTH CENTRAL TOO?
NEW YORK, SEATTLE, DETROIT ...

AMAZING... OUR FIRST FULL ALBUM ...
I WANT TO SHOW THIS TO RYUU-SUKE RIGHT AWAY.
IT'S ALL GOOD.
THEY'RE GOING TO BE PLAYING AT THE MARQUEE.
SHIRATORI-SAN. COULD YOU MAKE ANNOUNCE-MENTS ABOUT LIVES IN THE ARTICLE?
Vhu hu
I'M GOING TO GIVE BECK A HUGE PUSH FROM NOW ON.

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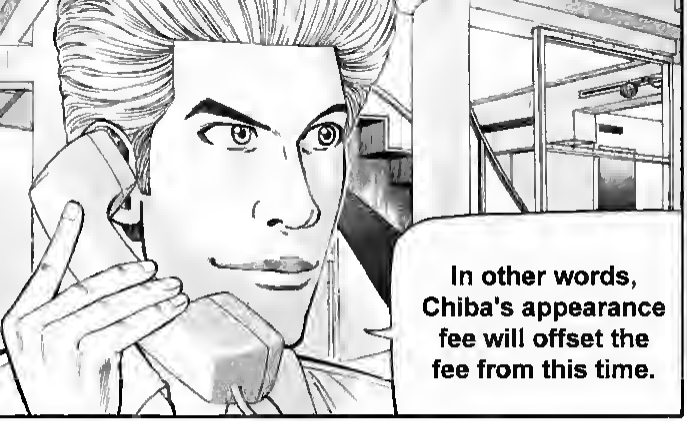
Are you
Serious!?

YES, OF COURSE I'M SERIOUS.
I NEGOTIATED WITH THE AGENT AND WAS ABLE TO CONCLUDE IT FOR NO FEE!
NO, NO. STRICTLY SPEAKING, IT'S FOR NO FEE.
That's impossible. You, Jim Walsh, made a music video. That can't be for no fee.
?
DID YOU FORGET? ONE DAY, WHEN I MAKE A KUNG-FU MOVIE, I'LL HAVE CHIBA IN IT...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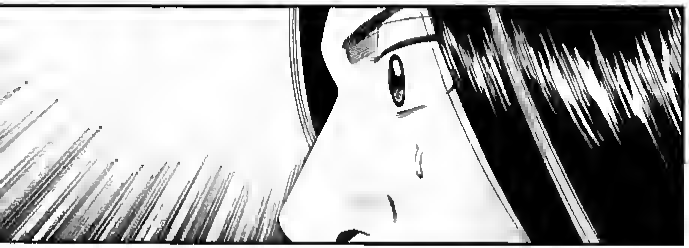

When the editing is completed, I can send it over.
By the way, while making it, I heard something suprising from a music industry person...
Tell Chiba to continue practicing.
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This summer, the Avon Festival will be reborn.
I heard that BECK is a candidate to perform?
!?
RYUU-SUKE IS LATE...
LET'S FULLY CHARGE THE STUDIO FEES ON HIM.
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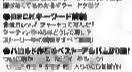

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